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Amdt. Dated July 20, 2004
Reply to Office Communication of July 6, 2004

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The present Second Supplemental Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Communication of July 6, 2004.

By the present Supplemental Amendment, the changes to the claims have been corrected to be in conformity with 37 CFR §1.121, as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner's comments concerning the clean copy of the Substitute Specification filed October 17, 2003 have been noted.

On page 3, line 2 of the Substitute Specification the undersigned found that the word "a" was unintentionally underlined. Rather than submit a new copy of the Substitute Specification with a correction for page 3, line 2 at this time, the undersigned would like to hold any requirement for amendments to the specification in abeyance, until the Examiner examines claim 1, as amended herein.

That is, the Examiner has indicated that the specification should include a description that is commensurate with the claimed invention.

In the present situation, applicant has amended claim 1 to include reference to L₁, L₂, D₁ and D₂ in order to distinguish between the first and second zones (in response to the Examiner's comments of March 23, 2004).

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Once the Examiner has considered the language and amendments to claim 1 and approved the same, applicants will be happy to amend the specification to be commensurate with the claim language and correct the Substitute Specification.

Until such time as the Examiner considers and approves of the amended language of the claims, applicant requests that commensurate changes to the specification be held in abeyance.

Entry of the present Supplemental Amendment prior to further examination of the application is respectfully requested.

If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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